



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, OCTOBER 3, 2012
Council Chambers – Town Hall
MINUTES

FULL COLLABORATIVE MEETING START AT 5:30PM

Members Present: S. Anderson, F. Baruzzi, A. Bloom, G. Bent (co-chair),
S. Daley, V. Fry (co-chair), J. Goldman, C. Guerreri, K. Grunwald (staff),
Y. Kim, K. Krider (staff), M. LaPlaca, R. Leclerc, MJ Newman,
E. Soffer Roberts, J. Stoughton and J. Woodmansee (staff)

Regrets: A. Bladen, T. Cook, L. Young

Guests: Susan Rozelle, Elena Schreiber, Seungoo Yoo and Kelly Zimmerman

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	V. Fry called the meeting to order at 5:33pm. K. Krider requested that “Transportation Hearing” be added to the Agenda as New Business, Item #4.	<i><u>Motion:</u></i> <i>G. Bent moves to add Transportation Hearing as Item #4 under New Business. MJ Newman seconds and the motion passes unanimously</i>
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of September 5, 2012 meeting. It was noted by that J. Goldman should be added as a member present and that the first sentence under the heading CCEA Presentation should be corrected to read, “W. Waite and J. Coghlan were present...” In addition under the heading of Scorecard Presentation, the first sentence should be corrected to read, “C. Brechlin was present...”	<i><u>Motion:</u></i> <i>A. Bloom moves to approve the 9/5/12 Minutes with the corrections noted. M. LaPlaca seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i>
SCHOOL READINESS	1. Update K. Krider reported that A. Bladen has agreed to be the team leader for Successful Learners and that Anne extends her regrets that she cannot be present for tonight’s meeting. 2. SDE QEGP 2012-2103 Grant Submission K. Krider reported that the QEPG was submitted and that it was based on the request for funds to create a town wide Kindergarten transition Plan that includes the ECE Centers, the Montessori School, the public Pre-K and the home based child care providers. Part of this K transition Plan will be to create a daylong event that provides training for all, the chance for networking and the roll out of the K Transition Plan. 3. CAN K. Krider reported that CAN (Collaborative Assistance Network) is currently meeting the 2 nd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30 here at Town Hall. The participants in CAN include the four (4) Center Directors, the (2) Montessori Directors, the principals and a preK teacher from the public schools. CAN’s	

	<p>primary objective for this year will be to create a town wide K Transition Plan as required by SDE and GMF.</p> <p>4. QRIS</p> <p>K. Krider explained that QRIS stands for Quality Rating Improvement System which is an SDE initiative which may soon be mandated.</p> <p>C. Guerrerri noted that GMF recently put out a 10pg. white paper on the importance of collaboratives and their impact on policy and funding in support of Early Care and Education.</p> <p>J. Goldman reported that on April 12th a conference will be held at UConn regarding social competence issues and that one goal of the conference is to involve the home care providers.</p>	K, Krider will send out a link to the Planning Team.
OLD BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stone Soup – October 12, 2012, 8:00 – 3:30 – Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT 	
NEW BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tom Deans – UCONN Students 2. David Bechtel 3. Recruiting Ideas 	
TEAM TIME		All
UPDATES	<p>Updates from team leaders and work groups:</p> <p>Playground Committee – S. Anderson reported that the design for the playground has been finalized and now the focus has shifted to fundraising. The build date has been changed to September, 2013. So far one game table has been purchased. S. Anderson will be distributing picket flyers at the centers and is planning a presentation to UConn. In addition, the playground has a website and a FB page.</p> <p>K. Zimmerman, Children’s Committee Coordinator reported that a Children’s Committee meeting was held and 3 MMS students and 8 younger children were in attendance.</p> <p>S. Anderson reported that they currently have a 4 person task force planning a Fun Run scheduled for May4th. Volunteers are needed for that. Also, S. Anderson is working on grant applications.</p> <p>Health Team -</p> <p>Successful Learners</p> <p>Community Connectedness</p> <p>Transportation Committee</p> <p>One Book – MJ Newman reported that that this Committee will meet tomorrow. Anyone interested in this project is invited and encouraged to attend.</p>	

PARKING LOT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summer Lunch Program 2. Before/After School Care 3. Scorecard 	
ADJOURN	<p>Next MAC Executive Council SPECIAL MEETING, Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 1:15pm – 2:45pm at Town Hall, Conference Room B..</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, November 7, 2012.</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners connected to the community.”